(b) whether there are many cases when vehicles have been towed away while the driver is sitting at the wheel or vehicles were parked where it did not pose any parking problem or violate any rule;

(c) if so, whether this is done to benefit the crane owners, who are mostly senior officers of Delhi Police by extracting crane charges from the drivers of such vehicles; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in the matter against erring crane operators and Traffic Police Personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The removal of vehicles from public places is regulated in terms of provisions contained in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Rules of the Road Regulations, 1989 framed under the said Act.

(b) No such incident was reported to Delhi Police during the years 2001 and 2002 (upto 30th April, 2002).

(c) and (d) The private cranes are hired by Delhi Police after observing all the relevant codal formalities in an open and transparent manner. There is no evidence to believe that these cranes are owned by any senior officer of Delhi Police. The towing charges are also levied from the offending vehicle owners as per the rates specified by the Government. However, in cases where the crane operators or traffic police personnel deployed on duty are found to have committed any misconduct, they are proceeded against suitably.

ISI plan to disturb peace in Punjab

†*611. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published under the caption: "Ab nexali hinsa ko mil rahi hai ISI ki baisakhai", which appeared at page 15 of 'Dainik Jagran' dated the 25th March, 2002;

(b) whether Government are also aware that ISI is also tyring to re-establish its links with the terrorists of Punjab;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken no deal with the situation; and

(d) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. While there are reports of links between Indian left wing extremist groups and Maoists of Nepal, there is no information, at present, to suggest involvement of 'imported fighters' from Bangladesh at the behest of Pak ISI in the naxalite movement in India.

(b) There are reports that the Pak ISI is exerting pressure on the leaders of the Punjab militant outfits sheltered by Pakistan to indulge in terrorist activities in Punjab for reviving militancy in the State.

(c) and (d) The Government have adopted a coordinated and multi-pronged approach to counter any attempt to revive militancy in Punjab. The measures taken for tackling the activities of militants include strengthening of border management to check illegal cross-border activities, gearing up of intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Government, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced and sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. These measures have resulted in neutralization of several modules of Punjab militants in Punjab, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir, apprehension of several militants and recovery of large quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives from them.

Fake residency certificates

*612. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether racket of issue of fake residency certificates to army recruits have come to light: